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Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mr. Barry Standig whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 6:00. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Steven Stephan, can be reached on (703) 308-2826. The official fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-7722. The attorney should proceed transmission of the fax with a call to the examiner to ensure prompt receipt.

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